
REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled all of the originally filed claims 1-17, inclusive. New claims 18-33, inclusive, have been added to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention notwithstanding Applicant's belief that the claims would have been allowable as originally filed. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that no claims have been narrowed within the meaning of *Festo*.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-6 and 14-17 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Greer

Claims 1-6 and 14-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Greer, et al. (Reference C) U.S. Patent 5,978,828. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Examiner uses Reference C to draw a parallel between determining whether a network resource is accessible and whether such an accessible resource has been modified or updated (Col. 7, lines 63-67). Examiner further draws a parallel between a network resource that does not exist and an existing network resource that has an identifier that has changed (Col. 8, lines 23-29).

Though Greer teaches a system of providing notification of a content change of a web page, Greer relies upon the existence of the web page in order to practice his teachings. Examiner's parallel that an existing network resource corresponds to an identifier that has changed, *would not be applicable in this case because Applicant does not teach providing notification when an existing web page no longer exists.*

Applicant however *does teach of a specific condition regarding the monitoring of network resources that does not yet exist* that has not been taught by any of the cited references. In order to avoid any further ambiguity, all claims have been rewritten to define patentably over Greer and other references, alone or in combination. For instance, the first recited element of independent Claim 18, "ascertaining at a time that an unpublished identifier can potentially correspond to a network resource having information that is scheduled to be publicly released after said time, wherein said unpublished identifier does not correspond to said network resource at said time" is in no way taught or suggested by Greer. There is *no such known system that anticipates what unpublished URL may have a high likelihood of existing at a later date. Applicant's method teaches how such an URL can be constructed in certain cases before the URL actually exists or is published* by the publisher. Furthermore, dependent Claims 19-31, inclusive, incorporate all the subject matter of Claim 18 and add additional subject matter, which makes them, a fortiori, independently patentable over Greer.

II. Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Applicant has carefully reviewed the references cited but not applied. Applicant respectfully submits that none of those references, alone or in any combination, remedy the deficiencies of the applied art, nor teach or suggest the claimed invention alone or in any combination.

III. Conclusion

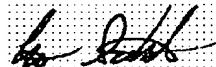
For all of the above reasons, the present application and pending claims 18-33, as amended, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a formal Notice of Allowance directed to claims 18-33, inclusive.

IV. Conditional Request For Constructive Assistance

If, for any reason the claims of this application are not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP §707.07(j) in order that this application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without need for further proceedings.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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